GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CIVIL AVIATION
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Co-pilots in Air India Flights
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Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Air India pilots are allowed the luxury of choosing their own co-pilots even if the co-pilots belong to the other sex;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor;

(c) whether an Air India flight was recently delayed for well over two hours because the pilot refused to fly the plane without his favourite woman co-pilot joining him on the flight to Male, if so, the details thereof
and the reasons therefor; and

(d) the action taken by the Government in this regard?

Answer

Minister of State in the Ministry of CIVIL AVIATION

(Dr Mahesh Sharma)

(a) : No, Madam.

(b) : Does not arise.

(c) : No, Madam.

(d) : Does not arise.